

Mount Mercy men trim Dakota State

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Mychael Brawner-Henley scored 21 points and grabbed seven rebounds Saturday as the Mount Mercy men's basketball team trimmed Dakota State, 81-77, at the Hennessey Recreation Center.

The Mustangs trailed 77-74 with 3 1/2 minutes left, but they finished the contest with a 7-0 spurt to claim the hard-fought victory.

Derik Gogg gave Mount Mercy a 78-77 lead with a layup with 1:20 remaining. Tre Wagner hit one free throw with 42 seconds left to make it 79-77, setting up a frantic finish.

Dakota State missed a shot, grabbed an offensive rebound, missed another shot, grabbed another offensive rebound and missed a 3-pointer to keep Mount Mercy in the lead by two points. The Mustangs committed a turnover, but Dakota State also committed a turnover as neither club could dent the scoreboard.

Chris Ford made both of his free throws for Mount Mercy with 13 seconds left to give the Mustangs an 81-77 advantage and the home team held on for the triumph.

Gogg, a Linn-Mar grad, finished with a career-best 14 points and blocked four shots for Mount Mercy (11-6). Ian Barse scored 17 points for Dakota State (6-9).

DAKOTA STATE (77): Boomsma 4 1-1 11, Hofer 2 4-4 10, Kilgore 6 2-3 14, Barse 7 2-4 17, Meger 7 0-1 14, Powell 1 2-2 5, Rauon 0 0-0 0, Zirbel 1 0-0 2, Folkers 2 0-0 4. Totals 30 11-15 77.

MOUNT MERCY (81): Struss 2 3-4 9, Gogg 7 0-2 14, Ford 1 6-6 8, Brawner-Henley 0 0-0 21, Bedford 2 1-2 5, Strong 0 0-0 0, Wagner 3 1-2 9, Murdock 2 1-3 6, Julien 0 0-0 0, Blohm 1 0-0 2, Lamaak 2 1-2 5, Anderson

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Halftime - Dakota State 42, Mount Mercy 34. 3-point goals - Dakota State 6 (Boomsma 2, Hofer 2, Barse 1, Powell 1), Mount Mercy 8 (Brawner-Henley 3, Struss 2, Wagner 2, Murdock 1).